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COUNTRY Albania/Yugoslavia

25X1 SUBJECT Statements by Cedo Mijovic

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- 25X1 1. Cedo Mijovic stated that he was authorized to declare that Yugoslav policy concerning Albania is based on maintenance of the status quo of Balkan national borders; anyone attempting to violate territorial integrity or political independence of any Balkan state would provoke Yugoslav military counter measures. Thus, Mijovic continued, Albania's independence and territorial integrity will be defended by Yugoslavia against attack from any quarter; this principle, he pointed out, had been clearly confirmed in a 1951 article in Borba, organ of the Yugoslav Communist Party.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Mijovic took the opportunity to recount the proposal he alleged Randolph Churchill made that Albania be divided between Greece and Yugoslavia. Tito replied to Randolph Churchill that Yugoslavia glories in having maintained its own independence and territorial integrity against attack by enormously powerful enemies, and that it intends to force respect for the rights of all peoples, great and small; he could not, therefore, in any manner allow his country to become guilty of the crime of eliminating the noble and generous, though small, country of Albania. The fact that Albanians of all religions, regions, and political ideals take part in the Prizren Committee is clear evidence that the Committee is motivated to carry out Yugoslavia's intentions of respecting the rights of the Albanian people.
3. Albania today is in a perilous situation, and never before has she been so isolated and friendless. Neither Soviet Russia nor her satellites has been willing to stipulate pacts of mutual assistance with her. Nor has she guarantees of any kind from the Western Powers. Her only treaty was with Yugoslavia which was broken by

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Hoxha in 1948. Today, only Yugoslavia is defending Albanian rights, as all Albanians aware of their national necessities realize. Yugoslavia has no intention of interfering in Albania's internal affairs and it is the duty of all other countries to demand that Albanians be the masters of their own destinies.

4. Yugoslavia has organized the Albanian refugees in Yugoslavia on the broadest possible basis, as is apparent from the statute of the Prizren Committee. On one occasion, Mijovic elaborated, when he was making a report on Albanian affairs to the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party, Milovan Djilas remarked that "the Albanians must be left free to organize along lines of their best patriotic interests, irrespective of their political colors and irrespective of the attitudes they showed during the war. Albanian patriots must be persuaded that they enjoy our full friendship." Accordingly, Albanian refugees in Yugoslavia are free to write whatever and to whomever they wish. Mijovic mentioned his personal friendship with Ndue Pjeter Gjonmarkaj and Lutfi Spahiu and his high regard for their patriotism and sincerity, remarking that although they were not Communists, they did not need to hide their political sentiments and ideas.
5. Mijovic stated that it was his personal opinion that Soviet Russia will not go to war for Albania; as Albania is of great strategical value because of her central Mediterranean position, she must be cut out of the Soviet bloc as soon as the occasion presents itself.
6. Any attempts to achieve Albania's liberation by means other than the Prizren Committee are in the nature of enormously expensive adventures which cannot achieve the desired ends.
7. It is the duty of each Albanian patriot to give his full support to the activities of the Prizren Committee.
8. Because of their suffering, sacrifices and losses sustained in the field, BKI leaders have earned the right to make themselves heard in the Albanian political arena.
9. In connection with his remark that Greece favors the division of Albania, Mijovic expressed the opinion that it is far more advisable to tolerate the Hoxha regime for some time longer than to consent to Albania's partition.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Mijovic knows the names and histories of almost all the Albanian emigres in Yugoslavia and possesses a comprehensive knowledge of their activities. In addition, Mijovic knows the names and background, including many intimate personal details, of all members of the NCFA (National Committee for a Free Albania) and of most of the leaders of the parties represented in it.

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